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1. JAPANESE EMBASSY COUNSELOR OKAZAKI HAS INFORMED DCM THAT AS RESULT MEETINGS THIS MORNING BETWEEN AMB USHIROKU AND PRIMIN KIM CHONG-PIL AND FONMIN KIM DONG-JO, AGREE-MENT HAS BEEN REACHED ON SUBSTANCE OF SHIINA'S ORAL STATEMENT, AND THAT THERE REMAIN TO BE SETTLED ONLY A FEW DETAILS CONCERNING METHOD OF PRESENTATION AND TIMING OF HIS VISIT. JAPANESE ASSUME SHIINA WILL COME HERE SEPT 19.

2. OKAZAKI SAID THAT JAPANESE HAD AGREED TO DROP FROM THEIR STATEMENT SENTENCE WHICH REFERRED TO INVESTIGATION IN JAPAN NOT HAVING ESTABLISHED DIRECT CONNECTION BETWEEN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AND CHOSEN SOREN. KOREANS HAD ACCEPTED NEW JAPANESE PROPOSAL ON STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY, WHICH NOW SAYS ROUGHLY THAT JAPAN FEELS RESPONSIBLE IN ITS OWN WAY FOR FACT THAT PLOT ORIGINATED IN JAPAN AND ASSASSIN TRAVELLED ON ILLEGAL CONFIDENTIAL

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JAPANESE PASSPORT AND USED STOLEN JAPANESE PISTOL.

IN JAPANESE LANGUAGE, FORMULATION OF RESPONSIBILITY ASPECT READS, "NIHON SEIFU WA...SORE NARI NO SEKININ O KANZURU."

3 KOREANS ALSO ACCEPTED JAPANESE FORMULATION ON CHOSEN SOREN, TO EFFECT THAT WHETHER OR NOT THEY INVOLVE MEMBERS OF ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS CHOSEN SOREN, GOJ INTENDS TO DO EVERYTHING IN ITS POWER TO PREVENT CRIMINAL ACTS SUCH AS PREPARATION OF TERRORIST ACTIONS AGAINST OFFICIALS OF ROKG AND CRIMINAL ACTS CARRIED OUT WITH THE AIM OF OVERTHROWING ROKG BY CONTROLLING THEM.

- 4. KOREANS ALSO ACCEPTED FINAL SENTENCE (PARA 8, REFTEL B) OF JAPANESE DRAFT.
- 5. TODAY'S NEGOTIATIONS INCLUDED EFFORT BY JAPANESE TO HAVE FONMIN APOLIGIZE FOR HIS INTEMPERATE REMAKRS TO KOREAN PRESS (REFTEL A). MATTER WAS SOLVED WHEN PRIMIN AUTHORIZED JAPANESE EMBASSY PUBLICLY TO DENY THAT FONMIN HAD MADE ANY SUCH STATEMENTS. SNEIDER

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